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Development of Radio Intelligence (Radio Int) Units

1. The Radio Monitoring Subsection was moved from the Zalka Gate Barracks to the Dozsa Gyoergy Barracks, Budapest in the Fall of 1947. The 1st Indep Rad Int Co was activated in the Fall of 1948 and renamed 101st Mtz Rad Int Bn in the Summer of 1949. From personnel of this battalion and personnel of the Military Counterintelligence Department, the 102d Mtz Rad Int Bn was activated in December 1949. (1)

101st Motorized Radio Intelligence Battalion

2. The 101st Mtz Rad Int Bn (magyar 101. honved gepkocszo radiofelderitoe zaszloalj) was subordinate to the 2d Division of the IV Department of the Ministry of Defense. (2)

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 The unit was billeted in the SW section of the Dozsa Gyoergy Barracks, formerly the Albrecht Barracks, on Dozsa Gyoergy Street, Budapest.

3. The battalion was organized into a battalion headquarters, three training companies and a maintenance company.

- a. The battalion headquarters was composed of a command element, an administration and supply section, and a motorized transport section.

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300 The command element consisted of:
 Major Emil Detrekoe, battalion commander, who is not a convinced Communist;
 (Major) Imre Gyurice, headquarters commander;
 (Captain) Zoltan Borka, adjutant; an ordnance officer, "D" officer, political officer, sergeant major, armorer-artificer, clerks and orderlies. The administration and supply section consisted of (Captain) Albert Szikszai, chief of section; and a supply officer, mess sergeant, post engineer sergeant, and about fifteen auxiliary personnel. The motor transport section consisted of: (Lieutenant) Zsigmond Kerekgyarto, motor transport officer; and a maintenance technical sergeant, mechanics and drivers. The motor transport section had five 1.5-ton weapon carriers, three 3-ton Raba trucks, one Tatra passenger car [redacted] and four 350-ccm ZHC motorcycles which were Soviet duplicates of the German DKW type.

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100 b. Three training companies. The 1st Tng Co was commanded by (Captain) Imre Koernvei, with Junior Lieutenant (Koertes, (fnu)) as political officer. The 2d Tng Co was commanded by Captain Imre Horner. The 3rd Tng Co was commanded by Lieutenant Jozsef Nemeth. This company received 200 to 250 E- of the 1927 and 1928 classes in December 1949. The cadre personnel of the company numbered 50 officers and NCOs. (3)

300 c. Maintenance Co. Lieutenant (Istvan Saros) was CO, Lieutenant (Vilmos Davis) Dpty CO, and Lieutenant (Szegoe, (fnu)) political officer. The Maintenance Co contained an assembly shop, a mechanical shop, a radio shop, and a carpenter shop. The company strength was about forty men. The Maintenance Co was split up on 15 February 1950. Part of it was assigned to the Rad Int Section of the 2d division, IV Department of the Ministry of Defense, and part to the Technical Section of the same 2d Division.

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4. Special courses of instruction were conducted by Major Emil Detreköy, the battalion CO. Their purpose was to provide technical signal training for officer candidates of the Signal Corps. This training had previously been conducted at the Kossuth Academy. The courses were started on 1 February 1950 and included about 30 men each. A course lasted six months. Upon completion of the course, the trainees were to be promoted to ranks from sergeant to junior lieutenant, according to their achievements in the course. The instructors were officers from the battalion and from the IV Department of the Ministry of Defense.
5. A recent training program was also conducted in the battalion. Recruits who were inducted in early December 1949 underwent a six-week basic infantry training, followed by technical signal training, which included Morse code, electrical engineering, technical knowledge of equipment and radio engineering. The training was based on the service manual issued in the Summer of 1949.
6. The officers and NCOs of the battalion were armed with 7.62-mm Soviet pistols, while the EN had 7.62-mm rifles, Model M 48, and sub-machine guns with drum magazines.

102d Motorized Radio Intelligence Battalion

7. The 102d Mtz Rad Int Bn was subordinated to the 2d Division of the IV Department of the Ministry of Defense.

The unit was billeted in the NE section of the Dozsa György Barracks, Budapest.

8. The battalion was organized into a battalion headquarters, a teletype company, a radio direction finding and monitoring company, and a guard and motor transport company.

- a. The battalion headquarters was composed of a command element, administrative and supply section and a motor transport section. The command element consisted of: Major Zoltan Kapcsos, battalion commander; Major

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(Istvan Rahothy) headquarters commandant; Junior Lieutenant (Jozsef Dosa) adjutant; Lieutenant (Dezsoe Anzval) political officer; (Captain Sandov) (fnu) "D" officer; (Captain F. Arpas) (fnu), ordnance officer; and a sergeant major, armorer-artificer, clerks and orderlies. The administration and supply section was organized as that of the 101st Rad Int Bn. The motor transport section was headed by Senior Lieutenant Gyula Babos, the motor transport officer. This section had nineteen weapon carriers, four jeeps, one Opel Blitz truck, three 3-ton GMC trucks, six or seven 3-ton Raba trucks, two Tatra passenger cars and ten 350-cm ZHC motorcycles.

- b. The 1st Teletype Company consisted of a company headquarters, a teletype section, and a monitoring section. In company headquarters, Lieutenant Janos Juhari was CO of the company, Lieutenant Mihaly Bruder, technical officer, and Junior Lieutenant Andor Veghelyi, political officer. The teletype section had 25 to 28 radio operators, and 7 or 8 tape-readers and teletypists. The section intercepted open or enciphered messages of foreign postal radio stations (Postfunkstationen). The monitoring section had eleven men. The section recorded the foreign newscasts in Hungarian and other languages on sound-tracks.

- c. The 2d Radio Direction Finding and Monitoring Co [redacted]

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[redacted] The company was to monitor, take radio bearing of, and locate foreign military radio stations and illegal stations on Hungarian territory. It was also to evaluate messages obtained by monitoring. The company consisted of a company headquarters, a radio direction finder

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center, radio direction finder groups, and a monitoring section. In the company headquarters Lieutenant Laszlo Molnar was CO, Lieutenant Mihaly Varga, Dpty CO and chief of the radio direction finder center, Junior Lieutenant Pakozdi, adjutant, and Lieutenant Jozsef Szerafin, political officer. The radio direction finder center consisted of 6 to 8 men. It was located in Budapest and directed the radio direction finder groups. Seven-man radio direction finder groups were known to be located in Sarmellek (Y 4/A 49), Dunavarsany (Q 48/H 50) (on the border of the town) and on top of Mt. Galya (Q 48/J 26). The latter group, for training purposes, served as call station for the 101st Bn. Technical equipment for five more direction finding groups was available. The groups could not be activated, however, because trained personnel was lacking. A new direction finder group was to be established in Bekescsaba (R 16/O 91) or Szeged (Y 47/T 17). The monitoring section was commanded by Lieutenant Istvan Gyenes, with Junbr Lieutenant Jozsef Futos as Dpty CO. The section, with three NCOs and 30 to 40 men, monitored foreign military radio stations or illegal stations. It had several monitoring substations in various parts of Hungary. The stations were connected by telephone with the direction finder center.

- d. The guards and motor transport company consisted of guard personnel and drivers. (4)
9. An officer and a civilian were to test the radio equipment which the 2d Division of the IV Department of the Ministry of Defense had earmarked for use by the troops.

 Comments.

- (1) The fact that the small Hungarian Army possesses two radio intelligence battalions is indicative of the great importance Hungary always placed on radio intelligence.

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- (2) It is believed that the radio intelligence units are subordinate to the Inspectorate of Signal Troops and cooperate closely with the IV Department (Counterintelligence) regarding the results of radio intelligence.
- (3) The organization indicates that the 101st -tz Rad Int Bn is a training battalion for radio operators and radio officer candidates of the Hungarian Army. The battalion's designation is therefore misleading.
- (4) The 102d -tz Rad Int Bn is purely a radio intelligence unit, according to its organization and missions. The 1st Co appears, therefore, to have been erroneously designated as a teletype company. It is actually engaged in the automatic reception and transcription of radio messages, and sound-track reception of news broadcasts.

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